

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-17 and 21-23 are pending in the application.

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, 13, 14, and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. D433,296 to Yamakawa (hereinafter “Yamakawa”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 is amended to more clearly define the hand tool. No new matter is added. Claim 1 is reproduced below for convenience.

1. A multi-purpose hand tool, comprising:
a socket body, the socket body including a first socket defining a first cavity at a first end of the socket body and a second socket defining a second cavity at a second end of the socket body, the first cavity being independent of, and separated from, the second cavity by a non-hollow core; and
a shaft arm connected to the socket body.

Yamakawa fails to disclose this structure. Yamakawa shows a design for a socket. The socket has a hollow tubular structure, with different size socket openings on each end. See, Yamakawa, Fig. 5. Yamakawa does not show a socket body, with “first cavity being independent of, and separated from, the second cavity by a non-hollow core” as now recited in claim 1.

For this reason, claim 1 is allowable over Yamakawa. Applicant respectfully requests that the § 102 rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claims 2-3, 6-8, and 11 are allowable over Yamakawa by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

Claim 13 is amended similarly to claim 1. For the reasons presented above, claim 13 is allowable over Yamakawa and the §102 rejection thereto should be withdrawn.

Claim 14 is allowable over Yamakawa by virtue of its dependency on claim 13.

Claims 18-20 are canceled without prejudice, thereby rendering moot the rejection.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 4, 5, and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamakawa in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,281, 438 to Tuttle (hereinafter "Tuttle"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claims 4 and 5 depend indirectly from claim 1 and hence incorporate the elements of claim 1. Similarly, **claims 15-17** depend indirectly from claim 13 and hence incorporate the elements of claim 13. Accordingly, each of these claims defines a tool with a socket body including a first socket defining a first cavity and a second socket defining a second cavity, wherein "the first cavity being independent of, and separated from, the second cavity by a non-hollow core".

Yamakawa does not teach this structure. Tuttle is equally silent as to this structure. Accordingly, the combination of Yamakawa and Tuttle fails to teach or suggest the tool defined in claims 4-5 and 15-17. Applicant respectfully requests that the § 103 rejection of these dependent claims be withdrawn.

Claims 9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamakawa in view of Tuttle, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,856,387 to Gibson (hereinafter “Gibson”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claims 9 and 12 depend from claim 1 and hence incorporate the elements of claim 1. Accordingly, each of these claims defines a tool with a socket body including a first socket defining a first cavity and a second socket defining a second cavity, wherein “the first cavity being independent of, and separated from, the second cavity by a non-hollow core”.

Yamakawa and Tuttle fail, individually or in combination, to teach this structure. Gibson fails to add the missing teaching. Accordingly, the combination of Yamakawa, Tuttle, and Gibson fails to teach or suggest the tool defined in claims 9 and 12. Applicant respectfully requests that the § 103 rejection of claims 9 and 12 be withdrawn.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamakawa in view of Tuttle and Gibson, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,285,543 to Rowe (hereinafter “Rowe”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 10 depends indirectly from claim 1 and hence incorporates the elements of claim 1. As noted above, Yamakawa, Tuttle and Gibson fail, individually or in combination, to teach the structure of claim 1 (from which claim 10 depends). Rowe fails to add the missing teaching. Accordingly, the combination of Yamakawa, Tuttle, Gibson, and Rowe fails to teach or suggest the tool defined in claim 10. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 103 rejection of claim 10.

New Claims


Claims 21-23 are provided for consideration. Applicant believes that these claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Claims 1-17 and 21-23 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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